[19th March 1965

Memorandum from Principal, Scott Christian College, Nagercoil

* 274. *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any memorandum, dated 7th December 1964 submitted by the Principal of the Scott Christian College, Nagercoil regarding the Police firing at the students on 2nd December 1964 has been received; and

(*b*) if so, the details of the action taken on the same?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No specific action was considered necessary as a Magisterial enquiry has been conducted and appropriate action taken against the concerned officials.

Compensation to Sri Gabriel and Sri Muthiah injured in Police firing

* 275 *Q.*—SRI A. KUNJAN NADAR : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to award compensation to Gabriel an Muthiah who sustained injuries on account of the Police firing in the Scott Christian College on 2nd December 1964; and

(*b*) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) & (*b*) : On compassionate grounds, the Government sanctioned the ex-gratia payment of Rs. 10,000 (rupees ten thousand) to Sri Gabriel and Rs. 3,000 (rupees three thousand) to Sri Muthiah. The amounts have since been paid to the two students.

Enquiry into Thoothoor High School incident

* 276 *Q.*—SRI A. KUNJAN NADAR : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any enquiry was ordered to be held on the incident that took place at Thoothoor High School on 26th November 1964;

(*b*) if so, the details thereof; and

(*c*) whether a copy of the report will be placed on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The enquiry revealed that the Sub-Inspector of Police, Kollencode acted in a high-handed manner in assaulting a student of the Thoothoor High School and later in arresting the Headmaster and a few Assistants of that High School and marching them handcuffed on the road. The Inspector-General of Police who held the enquiry placed the Sub-Inspector under suspension